

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 10, 2014

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Nongame Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Kalispell, MT

WORK START/END DATES: Approximately May 10th – August 8th

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: To be determined

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$9 – \$9.50/hr (depending on previous experience and funding) plus per diem at state rates; a shared trailer may be made available for housing. *There is no overtime for this position, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends.* A state vehicle will likely be available. **Individuals may need to use personal vehicle for part of all of summer if state/federal vehicle not available. Interns would be compensated for mileage at approximately \$0.50/mile.**

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Interns educate boaters, anglers, and other recreating members of the public visiting or living on Montana's common loon lakes about loon biology, nesting requirements, disturbance effects, and loon sign program. In coordination with local biologists, interns conduct common loon surveys, deploy and collect floating signs; give campground or other presentations; monitor loons for leg bands, keep daily log of activities; prepares final summary report. Interns may also help with nongame inventories, management and habitat work on local WMAs or other important wildlife duties. Contact Chris Hammond in Region One for more details for combined intern position duties after January 17, 2014.

Students would work directly with FWP biologists and/or work closely with local Forest Service biologists on the Common Loon Working Group to provide public outreach at key common loon nesting lakes that receive intense public use during the common loon-nesting season.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Good communication skills, ability to work independently; 1-2 years in biology, wildlife biology, ornithology; or wildlife or recreation management or fisheries; ability to use 4-wheel drive vehicles and motor or non-motorized boats (canoes or kayaks) to access lakes. Able to carry 35-50 lbs. Should have own high quality binoculars (10x40) and be able to use high powered spotting scopes for identify birds and color band combinations. **Interns will need to keep in close contact with multiple agencies and organizations or individuals depending on their location and assignments.**

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Submit 1 digital copy of current **resume** identifying experience and skills related to the intern position description with list of 3 reference contacts. Also send **cover or transmittal letter** explaining the reasons for your interest in the internship, which internship location(s) you would prefer, personal vehicle that you may have for use if needed, and why you are qualified to do the work. Send above to Chris Hammond, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 490 N. Meridian Rd. Kalispell, MT 59901 or to chammond@mt.gov no later than 5:00 pm on March 7, 2014. Selections are generally made within 2 weeks of closing date.

COOPERATING SPONSORS OF PROJECT:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Nongame Program, Regional Wildlife and Fisheries Programs, Living With Wildlife Program, Parks Programs, Montana Loon Society (Non profit), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Dept. of Natural Resources, Flathead, Lolo, and Kootenai National Forests, Plum Creek Timber Co., Avista Corporation, Ashley Lake Property Owners Assoc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

Loon training is usually the first weekend in May is not optional. It includes basics of common loon identification and ecology, public outreach tools and methods, data recording, contacts, daily guidance, information on the use of floating signs and other materials during a full day of required training usually during the first weekend in May provided by the Montana Loon Society and other agencies. A notebook with data forms, contact information, maps, and other materials are given to each loon ranger at the beginning of the field season and returned to FWP at the end of the internship. Each intern completes a year-end report covering the extent of their efforts, summary of monitoring results by lake or visits, and recommendations for the next field season. They should also be able to assist in the entry of the loon data into the statewide loon database. Training for other duties will be determined after the start of the internship.